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Dear Ms Dixon:

1 I am writing concerning the Draft EIS at Yucca Mountain. I have several concerns about the document's  
limitations. [The DEIS does not consider alternatives to geologic disposal, nor does it address alternatives to the  
Yucca Mountain site. As a resident of Nevada, I am convinced that our earthquake prone area would be unsafe for  
such disposal. A comparison of reasonable alternatives is much needed.]

2 In addition, [the DEIS is incomplete in that there is no description and analysis of the affected  
environment for each Nevada transportation route. National transportation routes for rail and highway shipments  
are not identified and analyzed. The EIS should include analyses of potential impacts and hazards of all  
alternatives in order to support a selection from among the alternatives.]

3 Also, [the DEIS provides no response to our Native Americans' concerns about the disproportionately  
high and adverse impact on low-income populations.] Along similar lines, [Nevada residents' concerns about the  
4 impact on their tourism economy, due to the stigma of a waster dump close by, are not addressed.]

5 Finally, [I question the unnecessarily large withdrawal of land (230 square miles) for this dump. Nevada is  
already too heavily impacted by federal land acquisition--such as the Fallon Naval Base.]

1 continued [Why is the Department of Energy not considering processing and maintaining nuclear waste at the sites  
6 where it is actually produced.] [Do we really want to keep producing something that no one is willing to live near?]

Sincerely,



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